

18           CANDACE ROSS: Hello. My name is Candace Ross.  
19 I'm new to Las Vegas. I moved here in August. Wanting to  
20 learn about and become involved with my new state, [I 1  
21 attended the Nevada Commission of Nuclear Projects meeting  
22 on October 12th. What I learned that day astonished me.  
23 76 percent of Nevadans do not want the Yucca Mountain  
24 Nuclear Waste Repository. 76 percent.

25           I decided I needed to do a little research on  
1 the subject, and what I found not only astonished me but  
2 filled me with disbelief and horror. The Yucca Mountain  
3 Nuclear Waste Repository is located less than 900 feet  
4 above the water table.

5           The Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository  
6 has within a 10-mile radius numerous faults and several  
7 volcanos. Let me repeat that - volcanos, volcanos that  
8 are less than 10,000 years old, which I understand is a  
9 violation of the siting guidelines.

10           I also discovered that the land, the -- let's  
11 call it what it is, the land that the toxic waste dump  
12 is being built on, is land that belongs to the Western  
13 Shoshone people, and the U.S. government does not hold  
14 title to it.

15           I read interviews done with native peoples,  
16 and they said basic common sense things like, "We don't  
17 even have nuclear power here, why should we have the  
18 toxic waste?" And, "We are an outdoor people. We are  
19 afraid of how this will change our lives."

20           The native populations are not the only people

21 who are afraid. Anyone like me doing just the smallest  
22 amount of research is going to know the insanity of this  
23 project. But today I'm supposed to ignore the water  
24 table concern, the faults, the volcanos, the issue of  
25 land title, and the 76 percent of the people who out of  
1 fear and other reasons do not want the project and focus  
2 on issues like TADs.]

3 Does anyone remember the trains that collided  
4 in the tunnel two weeks ago? I don't have a lot other  
5 to say than that. We have an election coming up in  
6 2008, and there is a candidate who has promised to shut  
7 Yucca Mountain down. That's the man I'm going to vote  
8 for. His name is Dennis Kucinich.